

# Media Alert



CHURCHILL DOWNS

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## **ACTION-PACKED SATURDAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS**

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021

**What:** There are three events on the penultimate day of racing at the 12-day September Meet at Churchill Downs that may be of interest to area media:

- **12:45 p.m.** – Godolphin’s 3-year-old colt Cody’s Wish runs in the first race and is attempting to win for the first time. The 3-year-old colt is named after **Cody Dorman**, a Richmond, Ky. teenager that suffers from the rare genetic disorder Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome. In 2018, Godolphin sponsored Dorman at Keeneland’s Make A Wish Day. The teen developed a special bond with Cody’s Wish when he was just a foal. Three years later, Cody’s Wish is the 7-5 morning line favorite in Saturday’s first race at Churchill Downs. The horse is trained by Bill Mott and will be ridden by Joel Rosario. Dorman and his family will be on hand. The media contact for Godolphin is Danny Mulvihill: (859) 421-2601.
- **2-4 p.m.** – A celebration of life for the late **Dr. J. David “Doc” Richardson** will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Starting Gate Suites 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Richardson, the distinguished Louisville surgeon who was an owner, breeder and widely-respected leader in the horse racing industry, died Sept. 7 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. from complications due to a breakthrough COVID infection. He was 76. The sixth race, which is scheduled to run at approximately 3:18 p.m., will be dedicated to “Doc” and the “J. David ‘Doc’ Richardson Celebration of Life” trophy will be presented to the winning connections and a video presentation will follow.
- **4:22 p.m.** – **Knicks Go**, the \$5.3 million-earner and top-ranked horse in America trained by Louisville’s Eclipse Award-winning trainer **Brad Cox**, runs in the Grade III, \$400,000 Lukas Classic – his final prep before tackling the \$6 million Breeders’ Cup Classic (GI) on Nov. 6 at California’s Del Mar.

**Where:** Media should park in the free, first-come, first-serve parking lots off Central Ave. and Kentucky Derby Dr. and enter Churchill Downs through the Executive Gate near the Kentucky Derby Museum and Barbaro horse statue.

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